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THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Monday, 7th February 1955.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at eleven of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

I.—CONDOLENCE RESOLUTION *RE*: THE DEATH OF SRI KOLANDAVELU NAYANAR.

MR. SPEAKER :—" It is my painful duty to inform the House of the death of Sri Kolandavelu Nayanar. He was a Member of the Madras Legislative Assembly from 1936 to 1939 representing the Mannargudi General Rural Scheduled Caste Constituency. He was a member of the Municipal Council, Mannargudi, and of the Tanjore District Educational Council. He was an Honorary Magistrate of Mannargudi town. The resolution reads as follows :—

'This House places on record its deep sense of sorrow at the demise of Sri Kolandavelu Nayanar, a Member of the former Madras Legislative Assembly from Tanjore and conveys its deep sense of sympathy to the members of his bereaved family.'

By way of passing the resolution, which I will communicate to the members of the bereaved family, I request the Members to stand in their places in silence for two minutes."

The resolution was carried *nem. con.* all the Members of the Assembly standing.

II.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Number of cases recommended for dismissal by the Tribunal for Disciplinary Proceedings.

* 522 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of cases, during the years 1953 and 1954, till now, of Government servants recommended by the Tribunal for Disciplinary Proceedings for dismissal; and

(*b*) the number of persons dismissed on their recommendation?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) The number of cases in which the Tribunal's recommendations for dismissal were received during the period is 26. (Seventeen of these cases relate to enquiries initiated during the period and nine to these commenced earlier.)

" (*b*) The number of officers dismissed on the Tribunal's recommendation during the period is 31. (Of these nine had been recommended for dismissal during the period in question and 22 earlier.) "

Sri K. ARANGANATHAN :—" It is very difficult to prove corruption cases before the Tribunal for Disciplinary Proceedings. When Sri C. Rajagopalachari was the Chief Minister of this State, he reinstated one Sri Ranganathan, a Brahman Tahsildar of North Arcot district, who was recommended by the Tribunal for dismissal. Will the Government give an assurance that such a thing will not be repeated in future? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" We cannot give such an assurance. The Government as the appellate authority will have to scrutinize each case and take a decision on the merits of each case."

Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Had there been any instance in which the Tribunal recommended dismissal of two persons for a similar offence and the recommendation accepted by the Government in one case and not accepted in the other case? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" If the specific case is given, I shall go into it and give an answer. I cannot carry all the cases in my memory."

Sri S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" May I know in how many instances the Government have not followed the recommendation of the Tribunal? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" A separate question may be put."

Sri S. DAIVASIGAMONEY :—" In cases where the Government do not follow the recommendation of the Tribunal, may I know the reason which induces the Government to award a lesser punishment? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The facts of each case are considered. If the Government come to the conclusion that the punishment recommended by the Tribunal is excessive, we reduce it."

Sri V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" May I know what class of cases are dealt with by the Tribunal for Disciplinary Proceedings and what classes of cases are dealt with by departmental action? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" That depends on the gravity of the offence. If the offence is very light and can be dealt with by the department, it is dealt with in the department."

Sri S. RAMALINGAM :—" கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, ஒரு அதிகாரியை வேலையை விட்டு நீக்க வேண்டுமென்று சர்க்காருக்கு ட்ரிபுனல் சிபாரிசு செய்த பிறகு சர்க்கார் அந்த முடிவை மாற்றுவதற்கு முன்பு எந்தெந்த காரணங்களை முன்னிட்டு, எந்தெந்த சாட்சிகளைக்கொண்டு, எந்தெந்த முகாந்திரங்களைக்கொண்டு ட்ரிபுனல் அந்த அதிகாரியை வேலையை விட்டு நீக்க வேண்டுமென்று கருதினார்களோ அக்காரணங்களையும், முகாந்திரங்களையும் மீண்டும் ஒரு தடவை பரிசீலனை செய்த பிறகு சர்க்கார் தங்களுடைய தீர்ப்பைக் கொடுக்கிறார்களா அல்லது ஆபீசில் உட்கார்ந்துகொண்டே தங்களுடைய தீர்ப்பை எழுதுகிறார்களா என்பதை அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்."

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" When we differ, we inform the Tribunal as to the reason why we differ and then only a decision is taken."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Do the Government enhance the punishment that is recommended by the Tribunal? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" In certain cases, we do that also."

SRI C. KANDASAMY :—" விசாரணைக்கு வந்த வழக்குகளில் Gazetted ஆபீசர்கள் சம்பந்தப்பட்டது எத்தனை ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The hon. Member may give notice of a separate question." 11-10 a.m.

Retrenchment of workers in the Government Cinchona Plantations, Valparai.

* 523 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Government have retrenched workers on a large-scale in the Government Cinchona Plantations, Valparai, and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(*b*) whether the Government have received any representation from the Anamalais Plantation Workers' Union regarding this, and if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) There is some reduction in the number of workers in the Anamalais Plantations. The decrease which is due to the reduction of work, has been effected gradually and judiciously. Owing to several reasons the expansion programme has been deferred and for the maintenance of the plantations, only a smaller labour strength is required.

" (*b*) Yes, Sir. A memorandum was received from the Anamalais Plantation Workers' Union, Valparai, representing among others, that the work-load in the Cinchona Plantations, Anamalais, has increased four-fold due to the reduction of workers. The Union was informed that the representation was not correct, that the workers are working only according to the prescribed working hours and that the reduction in the number of workers was due entirely to the diminished work on the plantations which require only normal maintenance at present."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே! மொத்தம் எத்தனை ஏக்கரா விஸ்தீர்ணம் இத்த சிங்கோனு பயிர் செய்யப் பட்டிருக்கிறது? அந்த ஏக்கர்களின் பராமரிப்புக்குப் போதுமான தொழிலாளிகள் வைக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிருர்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Regarding the extent of the present plantations I would like to have notice. But I would like to add that unlike the tea, coffee and other plantations, in the cinchona plantations the requirements of labour will be very high at the time of initial planting when